Reserved Posts for SCs/STs Lying Vacant in the Ministry of Labour

2862. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts reserved in various fields for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes lying vacant in his Ministry during the last three years and till date;

(b) the action being taken by the Government to fill them up; and

(c) the time by which the posts for SCs and STs are likely to be filled in by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Sanction of Dairy Units to Karnataka SC & ST Development Corporation

2863. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) number of dairy units sanctioned to Karnataka SC & ST Development Corporation from the National SC & ST Finance Development Corporation during the last three years;

(b) whether with a view to improving the economic conditions of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the State, the Government propose to sanction more such units to the said Corporation; and

(c) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): (a) Nil.

(b) and (c) Till date the Karnataka SC & ST Development Corporation has not proposed/sponsored any Dairy Scheme to National SC & ST Finance and Development Corporation for sanction. However, in case such a proposal is sponsored by the Karnataka SC & ST Development Corporation, the same may be considered for sanction.

Dumping of Plastic Waste

2864. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news item appeared in Hindustan Times dated the 22nd February, 1996 under the caption that India used as dumping ground for plastic trash;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the report;

(c) the main reasons for dumping of plastic trash; and

(d) the steps being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Under the current Export and Import Policy, the import of all types of plastic waste/scrap (except PET bottle waste/scrap) is restricted for import with effect from 0.1.04.1994. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade have also not been issuing any licences for importing Plastic wastes into the country.

Amendment to Contract Labour Regulation and Abolition Act, 1970

2865. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to amend certain provisions of Contract Labour Regulation and Abolition Act of 1970;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the circumstances requiring such amendments;

(c) whether some achievements are to

be made from such steps; and

(d) if so, details thereof and if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) The experience gathered as a result of implementation of the Contract Labour (Regulation and Abolition) Act, 1970 has indicated a need for certain changes. In its latest judgement, the Hon'ble Supreme Court have also given certain directions in this regard. The matter needs to be studied carefully in consultation with the concerned Ministries/Departments and State Governments with a view to bring about necessary changes and amendments to the Act. This has been taken in hand and will take sometime to finalise.

12.00 Noon

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes Act 1996.

II. Report and accounts (1994-95) of the National Backward classes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi.

III. Report and Accounts (1994-95) of the National Institute for Orthopaedically Handicapped Calcutta.

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA): Madam I lay on the Table:—

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Uttar Pradesh State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 1996 (No. 1 of 1996) under sub-section (4) of section 3 of the Uttar Pradesh State Legislature (Delegation of Powers Act, 1995).

(Placed in Library, *See* No. Lt-507/96)

II. (1) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956:—

(i) Third Annual Report and Accounts of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi for the year 1994-95 together with the Auditors' Report on the accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Review by Government on the Working of the above Corporation.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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III. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the National Institute for the Orthopaedically Handicapped, Calcutta, for the year 1994-95, together with the Audit Report on the Accounts.

(ii) Review by Government on the Working of the above Institute.

(iii) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.

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